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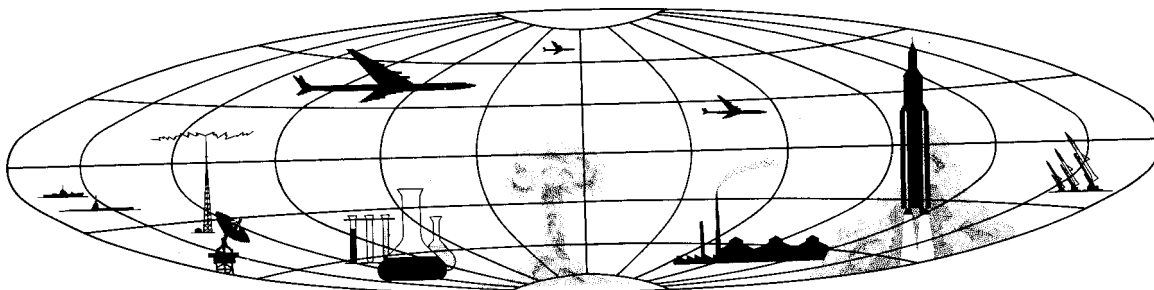


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3493, DATED 15 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED), ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

25X1A

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

AT LEAST 20 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A
[REDACTED]

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE APPEARS COMPLETE. NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A
[REDACTED]

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

TWO LAUNCHERS, 8 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS
AND 8 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A
[REDACTED]

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

SITE CONTAINS 46 CRUISE-MISSILE TYPE CRATES, 12
PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND APPROXIMATELY 150
VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA. ONE PROBABLE MISSILE
TRANSPORTER IS PARKED IN WOODED AREA JUST WEST OF
HEADQUARTERS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A
[REDACTED]

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 40 FISHBED, 2 FARMER, 18 FAGOT/FRESCO,
11 B-26, 2 T-6 AND 6 LIAISON-TYPE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 2 BRITANNIA, ONE
VISCOUNT, 2 C-54, ONE B-26, 4 C-46, 3 CRATE AND ONE
CRATE FUSELAGE, ONE LODESTAR AND ONE LIAISON.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 10 COLT, ONE PBY, ONE CAB, 3 CRATE AND
39 LIAISON/TRAINER.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 45 HOUND, 3 HARE, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS AND
1 C-47.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, AND 2 PF.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

NO VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1D

25X1D VESSELS -- 25 LARGE FREIGHTERS INCLUDING -- THE [REDACTED]
AT SANTA CLARA PIER (HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE,
25X1D FLOATING CRANE AND BARGE WITH UNIDENTIFIED CARGO ON
DECK TIED UP ALONGSIDE AND 3 VEHICLES ON PIER)
[REDACTED] AT EDIFICIO QUAY NO 1 (4 HATCHES OPEN,
25X1D FORWARD HATCH CLOSED, ALL BOOMS EXCEPT THOSE STOWED
OVER FORWARD HATCH ACTIVE, APPROXIMATELY 11 VEHICLES
ON QUAY), THE PASSENGER SHIP [REDACTED]
25X1D AT THE WARD LINE PIER (FORWARD HATCH OPEN, FORWARD
BOOMS APPEAR ACTIVE), ONE LARGE TANKER, 3 COASTAL
25X1D FREIGHTERS, 4 COASTAL TANKERS, ONE PF, 2 PC, 8 PT AND
6 SOVIET-TYPE TRAWLERS. THE [REDACTED] AND THE
25X1D [REDACTED] WERE NOT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

ONE LARGE FREIGHTER MOORED AT CAYO JUAN CLARO.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS,
VEHICLES, OR EQUIPMENT. AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

25X1A

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS,
VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT IN AREA COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHY.

25X1D

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF
TENTS, VEHICLES, OR EQUIPMENT. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN
AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY
PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

25X1A

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS,
VEHICLES, OR EQUIPMENT IN THE SEVEN AREAS. THE 6-GUN
AAA SITE REMAINS UNOCCUPIED WITH GUNS NEARBY. POOR
IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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25X1A

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
FIFTEEN FA PIECES AND 21 TRUCKS OBSERVED.

25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EASTERN AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 37 FA PIECES, 21
POSSIBLE PRIME MOVERS, 50 TRUCKS (12 TOWING FA
PIECES).
WESTERN AREA -- 30 TRUCKS OF WHICH 20 ARE TOWING FA
PIECES.

25X1D

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

EIGHT LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 100 VEHICLES
OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 7 POSSIBLE TANKS/SP GUNS.
AREA 2 -- APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES.
AREA 3 -- APPROXIMATELY 20 POSSIBLE TANKS/SP GUNS AND
AT LEAST 10 VEHICLES.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

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LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION 2301N 08245W

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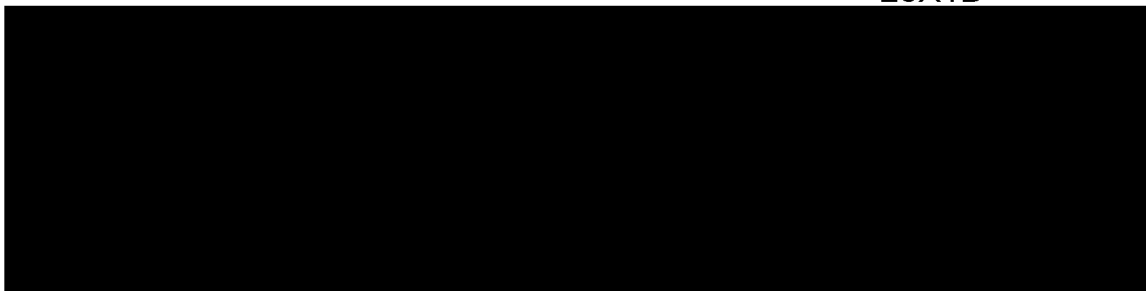
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE
LAST COVERAGE --

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES	2303N 08207W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE	2252N 08233W
LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08242W
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08311W
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2301N 08226W
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2255N 08210W
MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08217W
PURIO, MILITARY AREA	2233N 07952W
NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA	2258N 08214W
GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA	2311N 08203W
CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP	2307N 08206W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2303N 08218W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W
BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES	2256N 08223W

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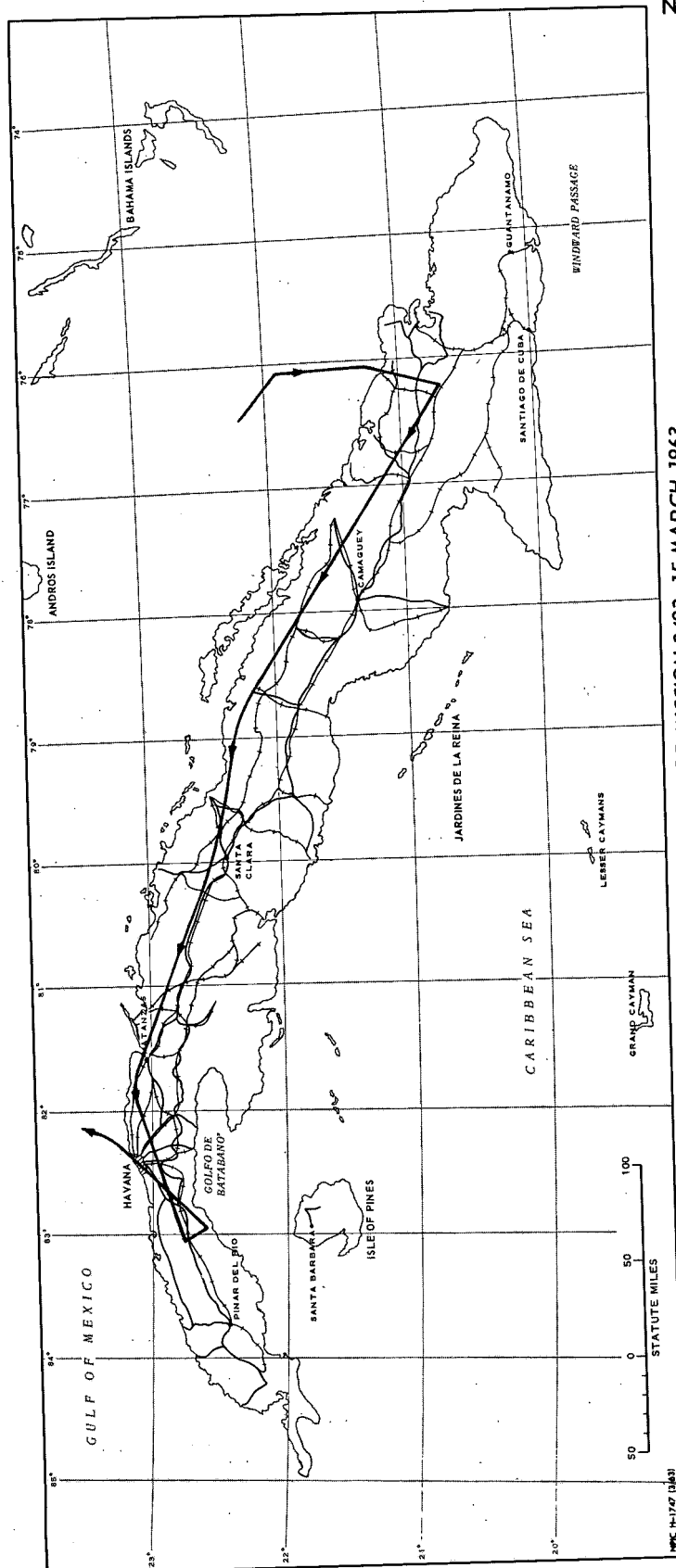
THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT
NOT INTERPRETED --

LOS ANGELES SAM SITE
BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE
PRESTON AIRFIELD
SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT
EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA
NICARO LANDING BEACH

2100N 07541W
2058N 07538W
2044N 07539W
2241N 08218W
2051N 07543W
2042N 07533W

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